1 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

1 Sorry I'm late. I *had to go* / *may go* to the library.
2 My brother *could walk* / *might walk* before he started talking.
3 You've worked very hard. You *could be* / *must be* tired.
4 George *didn't have to wait* / *hadn't to wait* long for the bus.
5 Don't wait for me. I *could be* / *had to be* late.
6 Helen *mustn't do* / *couldn't do* her homework, because she was ill.
7 This bus *had to go* / *might go* to the centre. Shall I ask the driver?
8 Sam dropped three glasses, but *couldn't catch* / *didn't have to catch* any of them!

2 Complete the sentences. Write one word for each space.

1 That was a long walk! You ....must.... be tired.
2 Sorry I was away yesterday. I ..... to go to the hospital.
3 Will you be ..... to give me some help tomorrow?
4 Do you ..... to go now?
5 Peter ..... ride a bike when he was seven.
6 Mary ..... be in her bedroom. The light is on.
7 Students ..... not leave their bicycles near this door. It is forbidden.
8 We ..... to try very hard, but we succeeded in the end.

3 Rewrite each sentence beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

1 I'm sure that bag isn't yours.
That .....can't be..... your bag.
2 My advice is to talk to your teacher about it.
I think you ..... .
3 It's not necessary for you to be here before 8.00.
You ..... .
4 I'm sure that Sam knows the answer.
Sam ..... the answer.
5 I'm sorry I'm late. It was necessary for me to go to the doctor's.
I'm sorry I'm late. I ..... .
6 Perhaps Cathy is at the library.
Cathy ..... at the library.
7 What is your advice?
What do you think ..... do?

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4 Rewrite each sentence using the words in bold. Do not change the meaning.

1 It's very important for you to be here at 6.00. **must**

You must be here at 6.00.

2 It's impossible for me to see you tomorrow. **can't**

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3 It's necessary to press the button twice. **to**

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4 It's not a good idea to eat lots of sweets. **shouldn't**

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5 It's not possible for Jean to come to the party. **able**

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6 It's not necessary for you to pay now. **don't**

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7 Parking here is forbidden. **mustn't**

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8 It's necessary for you to work harder. **should**

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5 Complete each sentence with a modal. *Can't, couldn't* etc. are one word.

1 You're only wearing a T-shirt and shorts. You ...must..... feel cold!

2 I ..... not be at school tomorrow. I feel ill.

3 Tina searched the swimming pool, but wasn't ..... to find her ring.

4 Perhaps you left your wallet on the bus, or it ..... be at home.

5 The exam was long, and I ..... finish all the questions.

6 Brian didn't ..... to do any homework, so he went to the cinema.

7 This ..... be the house. It's the wrong number. Let's try down there.

8 Ann is very fit and ..... run much faster than her friends.

9 This bill ..... be right. There's a mistake in it somewhere.

10 Sorry I was out. I ..... to go to the shops.

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